

FRENCH COMPANION WITH FITCH'S BODY

Gauthier Awaits Arrival of Famous Playwright's Mother in France.

CHALONS-SUR-MARNE, Sept. 5.—Eugene Gauthier, the friend of Clyde Fitch, who remained at his bedside until he expired last night, has taken charge of the body, and he will hold it, pending the arrival here of Mrs. W. G. Fitch, mother of the body who will then be taken immediately to the United States for burial. Services and interment will probably be in Hartford, Conn., from the Fitch's old home.

Although he had been ill for several days, Mr. Fitch's death was unexpected. He had rallied from the surgical operation for appendicitis, performed two days ago, and his recovery was expected. Yesterday he suffered a relapse. Although he remained conscious, he weakened as the day progressed, and after a spell of delirium at 3 o'clock he lapsed into unconsciousness. It was then realized that the end was near. He died at 9:30 o'clock in the evening, with his friend Gauthier and Dr. Alquier at the bedside.

No word has yet been received from Capt. W. G. Fitch, U. S. A., father of the playwright.

Clyde Fitch was perhaps the best known of the American dramatists of the present day. He was a prolific writer, and wrote plays at the rate of two and three a year, without ever flagging. His writings brought him an income which is estimated at from \$35,000 to \$50,000 a year.

Clyde Fitch began to write for the magazines and book publishers in 1887, immediately after his graduation from Amherst College. Two years later, in 1889, his first novel was published, "The Wave of Life." This was followed by others, and by a playlet, "Betty's First Job," which was produced in Boston for a brief run. He was comparatively unknown, however, until he became suddenly prominent through the production by the late Richard Mansfield, of his "Beau Brummel." This was a classic. The play jumped immediately into popular favor and has won a high place in American repertoire. After this success, Mr. Fitch began to turn out plays, nearly all of them successful, every few months.

This production has been interrupted to the present time. Several plays by Mr. Fitch are now in rehearsal for the present season. His plays alone will probably number fifty. Among the best known of them are "Nathan Hale," "The Cowboy and the Lady," "Barbara Fretche," "Sapho" (from the French), "The Climbers," "The Girl and the Judge," "The Last of the Dabbies," "The Girl With the Green Eyes," "Her Own Way," "Her Great Match," and later, "The Girl Who Has Everything," "Girls," "The Blue Mouse" (from the German), and "The Happy Marriage."

Clyde Fitch was born at Elmira, N. Y., in 1865. His ancestors were Englishmen who settled in Connecticut early in the seventeenth century. The family has been prominent in political and religious circles in New England for more than a century. The boy Clyde, received his early education at home, from his mother and private tutors. He was fitted for college at Holderness, N. H., and was then sent to Amherst. Throughout his school days he was interested in literature.

MINISTER DUBBED COUNT.

VIENNA, Sept. 5.—Baron von Arentz, Austrian minister of foreign affairs, has left here for Ischl, where the Austrian Emperor is spending his vacation, in order to thank his sovereign for the bestowal of the title of count on him and his family. The same distinction was conferred on Bismarck by the German Emperor, and on Metetrich by the Austrian sovereign, and it is not improbable that Count Arentz will also reach the next degree of nobility and become a prince, as did his predecessors.

DISTRICT BOYS REST AFTER THE VICTORY

National Guard Shooting Team Has Big Week Ahead.

SEA GIRT, N. J., Sept. 5.—The First District National Guard rifle team, victor in the Interstate Regimental Match, and owner for the year of the big Briggs' shield, is today at Ashbury Park with the rest of the Washington delegation. The District street was the scene of a quiet celebration of the victory last night. Before the Capital marksmen is a busy week. They will probably be represented in the New York company team match tomorrow. The McAlpin trophy match comes on Wednesday, the revolver team match on Thursday, and the climax event of the tournament, the Dryden match for former Senator Dryden's \$3,000 trophy, occupies Friday. The District team will break up Saturday morning through several of the War Department exhibition tomorrow night of rifle shooting by the aid of the 3,000,000 candle power electric searchlight.

CRUSHED TO DEATH BY RUNAWAY HORSES

Aged Man Almost Instantly Killed, by Maddened Team.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Sept. 5.—While attempting to stop a runaway team of horses on his way home from church, Albion Newell, fifty years old, gave up his life. The maddened animals crushed almost every inch of his body.

Although rushed to Toledo Hospital, the man died on the way there, never regaining consciousness. Newell, who was an employee of the National Supply Company, saw the horses dashing down Monroe street, headed west. He ran on the street, seized the bridle, but the heavy animals, drawing a large farm wagon, were too strong for him, and dragged the man 100 feet before he fell to the ground. The team continued on its flight.



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CHAUFFEURS FORM PROTECTIVE UNION

Chief Object of Organization Is to Stop "Joy Riding."

Declaring against "joy riders" and automobile colleges, as a menace to the profession, the chauffeurs of Washington have organized a union. The organization was affected for the "mutual protection" of chauffeurs who are dependent upon the profession for a living.

The new union is known as the Chauffeurs' Protective Association. The association was quietly and thoroughly organized, and now has enrolled several hundred chauffeurs. A majority, say the members, of all the men employed in Washington.

The union is violently opposed to "joy riding" and will expel from membership any member who is found guilty of seeking such pleasure. The members of the association are pledged against it, and one of the by-laws of the association reads as follows: "Any member accused, and found guilty of 'joy riding' shall be expelled from this body and his name be blacklisted on our books." Joy riding, it is explained, menaces not only the character and reputation of chauffeurs in general, but endangers lives.

A sick benefit fund, and an employment agency are the advantages held out by the new organization. The sick benefit is fixed at \$5 a week for single men, and \$7 a week for married men. A free employment agency is kept for the benefit of members.

The association, said one of its officers, also advocates a stricter method in granting licenses to operators of automobiles. We believe that under no circumstances should a license be issued to any person under eighteen years of age.

The association is affiliated with the Knights of Labor. Chauffeurs' locals have already been established in Baltimore, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, and Cleveland. Organizations will be perfected in all the big cities as rapidly as conditions permit.

ROBERT BACON SAILS.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—Former Secretary of State Robert Bacon left Liverpool today on the steamer Mauretania for New York.

LAY CORNERSTONE AT ST. DAVID'S TODAY

Rev. Bratenahl, of St. Alban's, to Officiate at Ceremonies.

The cornerstone of St. David's Protestant Episcopal Church, at Little Falls station, on the Glen Echo car line, will be laid this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. Bratenahl, of St. Alban's parish, in which the new church is located, will make the address and lay the stone.

Others who will participate in the exercises include the Rev. W. B. Busby, also of St. Alban's parish; the Rev. George F. Dudley, of St. Stephen's Church; the Rev. W. J. D. Thomas, of Brookland Episcopal Church, and the Rev. William Taylor Snyder, rector of the Church of the Incarnation. The lay reader in charge of the work is Charles T. Warner, former secretary to the late Bishop Satterlee.

The present building is of frame construction and is to be pebble-dash. A choir room is to be added to the back, and under the church there will be a large room of cement construction. The parish hall also will be pebble-dash, with a guild room at one end.

The chapel now has thirty members and upward of 150 attendants. Mr. Warner has had charge of the work two years, during which time the church has been renovated and new chancel furniture installed.

The list of articles to be placed in the cornerstone this afternoon include photographs of Bishop Harding and the late Bishop Satterlee, a copy of the journal of the last diocesan convention, copies of local newspapers, several coins and a Bible and prayerbook.

CABLE SHIP DROPS ANCHOR IN POTOMAC

The Joseph Henry, the new cable ship of the army Quartermaster's Department, dropped anchor in the Potomac river off this city this morning. The Joseph Henry came here from New York to repair the telegraph and telephone cables between Forts Washington and Hunt, and this city. It was learned today, however, that this duty was merely incidental to the laying in the river, below the two forts, of several mine cables. These cables will be put in position this week.

EARLY MORNING FIRE RAZES WAREHOUSE

Suspect Incendiarism in Cincinnati Blaze—Loss Will Reach \$18,000.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Sept. 5.—Shortly before 2 o'clock this morning fire completely destroyed the Early & Daniel hay and grain warehouse at the intersection of the Cincinnati, Louisville and Nashville and Elsinore avenue.

The place was well stocked with grain and hay for the winter season. It was estimated that the loss will reach \$18,000. Timothy Daly, of the waterworks, and Guy Waite, night yardmaster of the Cincinnati, Louisville and Nashville railroad, discovered the fire. The flames were issuing from the rear windows. The men hurried to a telephone and turned in an alarm. Following this they broke into the stable which adjoins the warehouse and took out eight horses.

The fire is supposed to have been started by incendiaries. The loss is covered by insurance. The building was condemned recently by the city for playground purposes.

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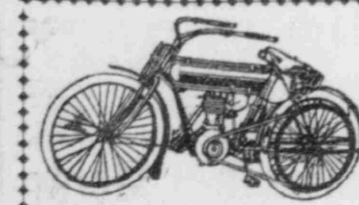
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